

# CELEBRATING NURSES

## 2009 NURSES' APPRECIATION EVENT



Fulton State Hospital celebrated Nurses' Appreciation Day on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The day began with breakfast for all nurses courtesy of Jay Forthaus of Janssen followed by a luncheon courtesy of Tim Schnieders of Pfizer and Cornelia Stevens of Astra Zeneca. Nominations for the following categories, LPN of the Year, RN of the Year and Administrative Nurse of the Year were collected from all across campus and winners were chosen by those receiving the most votes. Below are the winners along with a brief detail about each nurse.



**LPN of the Year:** Susie Pinkerton, (shown at left holding plaque) received the honor of LPN of the Year. Susie currently works in the Biggs Forensic Center on the Social Learning Program. Susie was described as "the epitome of what an LPN within our facility should be. She is an excellent nurse, dependable and an excellent mentor. She is one of the most caring and compassionate nurses ever to work with. She is an asset to nursing and the facility." Pictured with Susie are Cheri Maddox, BFC Assistant Nurse Executive, Lynn Geeson, Program Coordinator for the BFC Social Learning Program, and Sherry Lee, Chief Nurse Executive.

CONGRATULATIONS SUSIE!!!!



**RN of the Year:** Loretta Fuller, RN (shown at left holding plaque) received the honor of RN of the Year. Loretta currently works in the Guhleman Specialty Clinic, but previously worked in the Social Learning Program. Loretta was described as “an incredibly compassionate and responsive nurse that always has time (or takes time) to talk with a patient who is upset or needs encouragement, teaching or support. Loretta is a professional dependable leader and supervisor. She has high expectations of staff and has the perfect leadership skills to help them meet them. Loretta is a caring and supportive person. It is a privilege to work with someone so devoted to others and the profession of nursing.” Pictured with Loretta are Peggy Reed-Lohmeyer, GFC Assistant Unit Director, Sherry Lee, Chief Nurse Executive, Cathy Daro, GFC Assistant Nurse Executive and Anna Luebbert, GFC Unit Director.

**CONGRATULATIONS LORETTA!!!!**



**Administrative Nurse of the Year:** Tenby Watson, RN, BSN (shown at left holding plaque) received the honor of Administrative Nurse of the Year. Tenby is currently the Nurse Educator for the Department of Nursing. She is described as, “a special person and great supervisor.” Staff Development describe her as being tremendously helpful with the coding of in-service sheets which has been vital in meeting standards for nursing and staff development. Tenby touches a lot of people as they come through orientation. She is the first person student nurses come in contact with and she receives excellent reports from nursing instructors on the orientation she does with the students. Tenby is also a very “crafty” person. She makes special cards for birthdays and holidays, and those receiving the cards feel fortunate that she has taken time to think about them. Tenby’s other great talent is spearheading the Nurses Day Celebration each year. Her continued commitment and dedication to ensure each nurse is recognized is greatly appreciated. If not for her epitome of organization the celebration would not be as special as it is now. You are truly an asset to the Nursing Department! Pictured with Tenby is Marty Martin, COO, Sherry Lee, Chief Nurse Executive and Tony Menditto, Director of Treatment Services.

**CONGRATULATIONS TENBY!!!**